

United States District Court  
Eastern District of North Carolina  
Western Division  
No. 5:19-cv-248-BO

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**PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FOUNDATION,**

*Plaintiff,*

v.

**KAREN BRINSON BELL, in her official  
capacity as Executive Director of the North  
Carolina State Board of Elections, and NORTH  
CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF  
ELECTIONS,**

*Defendants.*

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**FIFTH JOINT STATUS REPORT**

In response to the Court's July 7, 2021 Order (Doc. 42), the parties to this action hereby jointly submit this status report.

The parties report that they continue to negotiate in good faith toward a resolution to this action. In accordance with this Court's Order, the parties shall provide a status update every thirty (30) days or promptly after the parties have reached an agreement.

Dated: November 1, 2021.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on November 1, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing using the Court's ECF system, which will serve notice on all registered parties.

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